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## **TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPOINTS SIX MEMBERS TO NEW HIGH-SPEED RAIL COMMISSION FOCUSED ON DALLAS/FORT WORTH AREA**

*Former commissioner Bill Meadows to chair high-speed rail commission*

**AUSTIN** — With high-speed rail quickly becoming a hot topic of discussion and planning around the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the Texas Transportation Commission today appointed six members to the new Commission for High-Speed Rail. Last month, when the new advisory was created, former transportation commissioner Bill Meadows was appointed chair.

The new members are as follows:

- Vonciel Hill, Dallas City Councilwoman
- Jere Thompson, CEO and co-founder of Ambit Energy
- Jeff Williams, president of Graham Associates
- Glen Whitley, Tarrant County Judge
- Lorraine Miller, interim president and CEO of the NAACP
- Dee Kelly, managing partner at Kelly Hart and Hallman LLP

The new group will advise the Texas Transportation Commission and executive director on the development of community outreach and education programs, intercity rail routes, state and federal legislative policies, and funding strategies as they relate to the implementation of proposed high-speed rail lines connecting the Dallas and Fort Worth communities.

"TxDOT will lead the environmental work and serve as facilitator for outreach and education, bringing together communities and rail leaders in the Dallas-Fort Worth region," said Commissioner Victor Vandergriff, Texas Transportation Commission. "As high-speed rail becomes an increasingly viable mode of transportation for moving our state's growing population, I am confident the Commission for High-Speed Rail will provide the kind of leadership and expertise that will move this project forward safely, efficiently and with the economic interest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area in mind."

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